City of Seattle

Ethics and Elections Commission

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BY E-MAIL and HAND

Councilmember Sally J. Clark
Chair, Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee
City Hall
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Clark:

I am pleased to send to you the draft ordinance amending the Ethics Code that we discussed last month. As you know, this draft represents months of careful work by the Commission and the staff, and draws on the Commission's twenty years of experience administering the Ethics Code. I have also attached a brief summary of the major changes that the Commission has proposed to the law.

I know that the Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee's agendas are always crowded, but I hope you can find a way to fit this important bill into the committee's work plan. I think your plan to start the City Council's review with an informal brown bag is an excellent idea.

I look forward to working with you in the months ahead to see that these very sensible changes to the Ethics Code become law.

Very truly yours,

Wayne Barnett
Executive Director

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